



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Proposed Action

September 18, 2007

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received an application for renewal of water pollution control discharge permit # NEV92036 from the following applicant:

Sierra Chemical Co.
2302 Larkin Circle
Sparks, NV 89431

Sierra Chemical Co. operates a chemical distribution facility in Sparks, Washoe County. Wastewater is generated in the secondary containment area, through the collection of diluted product, rinse water, and stormwater capture from the handling of the inorganic chemicals: sodium hydroxide (NaOH), hydrochloric acid (HCl), sulfuric acid (H₂SO₄), and sodium bisulfite (NaHSO₃). The wastewater is chemically neutralized resulting in a product of water and dissolved salts, suitable for use as a dust palliative. The treated water is applied for dust control purposes at the company's Kean Canyon Facility, which is located 1.4 miles north of the U.S. I-80 Mustang Interchange in Washoe County. The permit limits the generation rate of water to a daily maximum of 450 gallons per day (gpd). The Division has made the tentative determination to issue (renew) the permit conditions for a period of five (5) years.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand-delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on October 11, 2007, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, NV 89701-5249

Comments and/or hearing requests received via facsimile or e-mail before 5:00 P.M. October 11, 2007 will also be accepted. All requests for hearings must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reason(s) why a hearing is warranted.

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All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day comment period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. The public notice of such hearings will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the public hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Janine Hartley, Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9458, or at jhartley@ndep.nv.gov. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. This notice and the Fact Sheet for this facility are also available on the NDEP website at www.ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.